

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
THE INDIANA STANDARD BRED ASSOCIATION  
Monday, March 3, 2025  
ISA Office, Greenfield, Indiana**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President, John DeLong, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Directors present were ISA President John DeLong, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Robert Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Doug Rideout, ISA Secretary Emily Dever, ISA Treasurer Rhys Helt, Chad Clark, Jay Hochstetler, Joe Essig, Jr., Ernie Gaskin, Carrie Hollman, Jamie Macomber, John Merkel, Matt Rheinheimer and James Yoder. Kristi Collett, ISA Office Manager, Tony Renz, ISA Executive Director, Roger Young, ISA Attorney and Adam Kallick and Matt Norris, ISA Lobbyists, were also present. ISA Accounts Manager, Lisa Krise, ISA Director, Zach Miller, and ISA Lobbyist, Mike McDaniel, were not present. Guest: Tammy Knox.

**III. MEETING AGENDA**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 3, 2025**

Motion by Doug Rideout to approve the Minutes of the February 3, 2025 Regular Meeting. Seconded by James Yoder. Motion carried.

**2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES February 1, 2025 to March 1, 2025.**

Motion by Carrie Hollman to approve Account Expenditures from February 1, 2025 to March 1, 2025. John Merkel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**3. ISA LOBBYIST REPORTS**

Matt Norris and Adam Kallick gave legislative reports and updates on all recent gaming bills, including iGaming, the proposed casino move and charity gaming.

Tony Renz announced that the ISA had purchased a table for the Shelby County Ag Promotion event at Horseshoe Indianapolis with Governor Braun and that there was one seat left to fill.

#### **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. BACKSIDE HEALTH CARE/EMERGENCY BENEFIT – Jay Hochstetler

Jay Hochstetler informed the Board that everything was going well at the ISA Clinic. Tony Renz said that the chiropractor will be starting Saturday, March 15.

- b. BACKSIDE IMPROVEMENTS/RCFAC UPDATE – Robert Taylor

Robert Taylor reported on a meeting last week, including test barn upgrades, updates for the fire alarm system in the dorms, a new fence around the jog track and new benches in the paddocks, etc.

- c. BREEDERS/OWNERS/SALES – Doug Rideout.

Jamie Macomber reported that they had already received 115 entries for the Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale in October.

- d. BUDGET/FINANCE – Rhys Helt

Treasurer Rhys Helt informed the Board that Lisa had finished the audit with the ISA accountant and are hoping to receive the final report any day. Rhys said he had some ideas for the budget and will report on that at a later date.

- e. COLLEGE ASSISTANCE – Zach Miller – No report.

- f. COMMISSION RELATIONS – Tony Renz

Tony Renz said that they had a Commission Relations meeting last week regarding Lasix time and other matters.

g. FAIR RACING – Doug Rideout

Tony Renz reported that the Wickey family has offered again to provide food for purchase at the fair race tracks that had no concessions available. Emily Dever made a Motion to approve transportation reimbursement for the Wickey family to prepare food for purchase at county fair racing events as requested by the ISA. Carrie Hollman seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony also spoke about a conversation he had with Mark Bontrager from Mark the Spot regarding starting a YouTube channel for the ISA as a backup for past county fair racing videos.

h. GRANTS- Zach Miller – No report.

i. MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTIONS – Emily Dever.

Emily Dever reported that a Promotions meeting has been scheduled for March 5 and if anyone cannot attend that she will provide a Zoom link for the meeting.

Tony Renz spoke to the Board regarding setting up a Welcome Back TopGolf event for Tuesday, April 15. The cost would be approximately \$6,600 and will be split with Hoosier Park. Jay Hochstetler made a Motion to schedule a TopGolf Event for Tuesday, April 15, in the approximate amount of \$6,600, which will be split with Hoosier Park. John Merkel seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony Renz also mentioned setting up a golf outing at the Grandview Golf Course either on May 12 or May 19 with an approximate expense of \$1,500.00. Emily Dever made a Motion to set up a golf outing at the Grandview Golf Course in May in an approximate amount of \$1,500.00. Jay Hochstetler seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Tony Renz also spoke to the Board about a podcast by the Final Third Cigar Company regarding horse ownership at Hoosier Park. Tony asked for Drivers and Trainers to stop by and speak on the podcast if they are available.

Doug Rideout made a Motion for the ISA to again sponsor the Night Drive with Hoosier Park in the amount of \$5,000. Emily Dever seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

j. PARI-MUTUEL- John DeLong.

John DeLong provided updates on some changes at Hoosier Park, including the wagering menu, the VIP program with discounts on food and programs and daily food specials in the Clubhouse. John also reported they are working on a potential discounted food option for grooms on the backside.

k. PUBLICATIONS/WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA-Jay Hochstetler.

A discussion was held regarding the Stallion Directory and ideas to improve next year's directory.

**V. NEW BUSINESS.**

None.

**VI. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next ISA meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the ISA Office in Greenfield, Indiana.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT.**

Carrie Hollman made a Motion to adjourn. Joe Essig, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Kristi Collett, Office Manager**